



Uncover the Pattern in God's Calling Stories

Zechariah

Mary

Joseph

Luke 1:5,25, 57-66

Luke 1:26-38

Matthew 1:18-25

The person has some experience of God	Zechariah enters the temple of the Lord to burn incense and pray. He sees and hears the angel		
God gives the person a mission	Zechariah learns he is to be the father of "The Gracious One" John, who will lead the people Israel back to their God.		
The person may deny being worthy or express doubt	Zechariah wonders how this could be possible since he and Elizabeth are well up in years, well beyond childbearing age.		
God addresses denial and reassures the person	Zechariah is rendered mute. He remains so until his son is born. Only when he speaks out the name God has chosen for his son does his voice return. Zechariah proclaims God!		